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*Church Denies  
Panel Disclosed  
Agents' Names*

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Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, says his panel has not in any way disclosed the names of any agent or source of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Church commented after a former colleague of slain CIA agent Richard S. Welch said Congress must share the blame for Welch's death.

Mike Ackerman, a former CIA case officer who left the agency in May, said inquiries by the Senate committee should have been conducted without so many public disclosures of sensitive information.

"The gentleman is misinformed, since the committee has made no disclosures of information received from any source that could possibly jeopardize the life of any CIA agent," Church said in a telephone interview from Boise.

Church added that Welch's death Tuesday in Athens should not curtail congressional investigations of the intelligence community. He said he had not known before the slaying that Welch was a CIA agent.